# New York City Day by Day

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"Throwing a bluff" reaches rare heights in this far-famed metropolis. To call on a business man these days and not discover his he is in "conference" is as futile as hurlings a rose leaf into the Grand Canyon to hear the echo.

If one drops into the office of a button-hole maker he must wait until the "conference" is over. A "conference" is

and the walked out. Three salesmen and the manufacturer himself ran after him for three blocks, but he tertaining but fragmentary sketch had changed his mind and was going to buy elsewhere.

"But a few minutes ago our friend, nodded suavely. "Will you oblige us nodded suavely. "Will you oblige us nodded suavely." Will you oblige us nodded suavely. "Will you oblige us nodded suavely. "Will you oblige us nodded suavely. "Will you oblige us nodded suavely." The windmill man sat as sits a former possessor of this habitation.

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Hotel clerks make a great deal of side money by being accompliss in one of the most prevalent forms of ing field for conjecture, for the ex-

Fifth avenue jeweler's box. man made quite a comfortable living selling imitation package boxes of exclusive houses until stopped by

Theater box office men are daily asked by ticket buyers to punch holes in the coupons with the official office punch. This means that the holder has 'complimentary tickets' He shows these to his friends to give the impression that he is highly favored in theatrical circles. At a dinner given by a young blood several years ago an actor was hired to impersonate David Belasco and drep in for a few moments so the bost could call him "Dave" and appear to be on terms of easy fam-iliarity. As most of the guests were chorus girls the host's stock went up 100 points.

"Clang! Clang! Clang! Out of my way. I'm a fire engine!" A bare-headed man gave this yell as he dashed through a crowd in front of the public library the other afternoon. He upset several women and was trying to dash through a plate-glass window when he was collared. At the police station after he had been cooled down he said he had taken the first and last drink of whisky. He got it on the East Side.
"They called it raisin whisky." he
said, "and it certainly made me raise
hell."

The New York office boy-that haughty, flaming-haired autocrat of the outer gate—is the first to feel the pinch of salary reduction. Dur-ing the war almost any freckled-faced pea shooter could get \$15 and faced pea shooter could get vis stors. Now they are getting \$10 a week and in many places the salary is \$3. The employment agencies say that by the middle of January the \$5 a week office boy will be general.

# Whirlwind Finish Begun by Cupid in 1920 Campaign Traveling Man

Cupid got a flying start yester-day in his campaign to shoot as many arrows as possible before January 1, 1921.

He hit the mark 58 times yester-day, and the government is just \$58 richer as a result of that many marriage licenses being issued.
Only four more days remain for
bashful swains to be hooked by daring maids before Leap Year draws its last breath next Friday night.
Col. William A. Kroll, who issues the licenses, announced yesterday that no man who has been drawn in the meshes of matrimony by a de-signing woman—who wants a home and a husband—will be allowed to put up any argument or fight white the license is being issued. He must stand still while the preliminary

#### COHAN HEADWAITER AT FRIARS' PARTY

ceremony is going on.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 .- Some of the classiest waiters' that ever poured hot soup down a diner's neck served 250 guests at the Friars' Club last night, and didn't get a single tip. George M. Cohan was head waiter, or buss boy, or something, and some of his "help" included Sam Bernard, while Milton Lisaberger, prominent members berger, prominent member the Friars, had charge of the candy

The guests were wounded soldiers from Fox Hills and the Polyclinic hospitals. Besides the dinner, served by famous actors, there was a brilliant holiday entertainthus and the served by famous actors, there was a brilliant holiday entertainthus the served by the served ment presented by leading theat-rical talent, and a dozen nurses to otherwise look after the "boys." The dinfig room was decorated with holly wreaths and Christmas

ent, and the wounded men "went over the top" of the table eagerly. All had a good time, said the Friars, including the actors, who gave their services to amuse the soldiers.

#### Nurse Sues Estate Of Former Patient

Mrs. Ione I Bell, a trained nurse, filed suit yesterday in the District Supreme Court to recover \$4.278, from the estate of Woodbridge Clapp, a former official reporter for the United States Senate, who died October 10, 1918, she claims, in debt to her to that amount for services rendered to Mrs. Margaret C. Clapp and himself before they died. rendered to Mrs. Margaret C. Clapp and himself before they died.

Mrs. Bell filed her suit against Patrick Loughran, executor of the lapp estate and claims that Clapp mitted in writing his indebtedness to her before he died, but since hat time, she claims, Loughran has fused to pay her. Attorney Henry Wernimont appears for the nurse. An O. Henry Story The Sphinx Apple.

said the lady passenger, brightly.
"It will be almost like a game."
Judge Menefee stepped forward "Now what I have to propose,"

head on account of the draughts.
"Well," he began, "without any embarrassment, "this is about the way
I size up the difficulty: Of course one of the most prevalent forms of four-flushing. They watch out for mail for people who are not registered there but who use the hotel's stationary to give out the impression that they are stopping at exclusive inns. In return they get a few dollars a week in tips from each four-flusher.

The smart Fifth avenue jewelry shops have long since refused to sell their boxes for jewels and other articles to hundreds who seek to buy them. The idea is, of course, and his lady-love beginning where articles to hundreds who seek to buy them. The idea is, of course, and for the lower at the gate. This much should be assumed and conceded—that the young lady was not necessarily to blame for Reduction and the story of provided to be a summed and conceded—that the young lady was not necessarily to blame for Reduction and the story of the lowers at the gate. This much should be assumed and conceded—that the young lady was not necessarily to blame for Reduction and the story of reductions are study of human hearts, for the exercise of the imagination—in short, the difficulty: Of course Reduction was jostled a good deal by this duck who had money to play the difficulty: Of course ercise of the imagination—in short, the true was jostled a good deal by this duck who had money to play the difficulty: Of course ercise of the imagination—in short, the true was jostled a good deal by the difficulty: Of course ercise of the imagination—in short, and had not be a set used to say the difficulty: Of course ercise of the imagination—in short, the heart used to say the difficulty: Of course ercise of the imagination—in short is divided to the way the difficulty: Of course ercise of the imaginatio not necessarily to blame for Red-ruth's becoming a crazed and world-hating hermit. When we have done, Miss Garland shall render the Judg-ment of Woman. As the Spirit of her Sex she shall decide which ver-sion of the story best and most truly depicts human and love inter-est, and most faithfully estimates

est, and most faithfully estimates you could put up a windmill on the character and acts of Redruth's betrothed according to the feminine view. The apple shall be bestowed upon him who is awarded the deci-The windmill man grinned good-

upon him who is awarded the decision. If you are all agreed, we shall be pleased to hear the first story from Mr. Dinwiddie."

The last sentence captured the windmill man. He was not one to linger in the dumps.

"That's a first-rate scheme, "That's a first-rate scheme, "Be all heartlive me theater tickets and that's me theater tickets and that's "That's a first-rate scheme,
Judge," he said, heartily. "Be a
regular short-story vaudeville,
won't it? I used to be correspondent for a paper in Springfield, and
when there wasn't any news I
faked it. Guess I can do my turn
all right."

Gold Bonus is only a Iriend, says
she; "but he takes me riding and
buys me theater tickets, and that's
what you never do. Ain't I to never
have any pleasure in life while I
faked it. Guess I can do my turn
all right." creases in it or you don't put your slippers under my wardrobe."
"Now that kind of train orders don't go with a girl that's got any

"I think the idea is charming."

KEPORTER

THE QUESTION:

Do You Like Your Landlord?

THE ANSWERS:

GEORGE MIRE, confectioner, 711 Ninth street, sorthwest,

says: "No, he wants to get rich too quickly for me."

W. J. NILAN, 2006 N street northwest: "I like my landlord

but I'm moving the first of the month."

JAMES P. SLATTERY, 7251/2 Sixth atreet northwest, says: "Sorry I paid in advance, for I'm moving new."

T. J. Collins, 3613 Fourteenth

street northwest, says: "I am perfectly satisfied with mine."

R. L. NEARY, 3632 New Hampshire avenue northwest, says "Nothing doing."

Most Divorced.

If "absence makes the heart grow fonder," how would you account for the fact that divorce statistics show

that the man who stays at home is

cording to geography as well as according to kinds of individuals, states that one out of every nine

traveling salesmen gets divorced in this country, while only one farmer

freedom.
Prof. Bnder says that the West-

districts follow in that order. His

Child Burned to Death.

her little ones.

THE INQUIRING

spirit. I bet that girl loved her honey all the time. Maybe she only wanted, as girls do, to work the good thing for a little fun and caramels before she settled down to caramels before she settled down to patch George's other pair, and be a good wife. But he is glued to the high horse, and won't come down. Well, she hands him back the ring, proper enough; and George goes away and hits the booze. Yep, that's what done it. I bet that girl fired the cornucopia with the fancy vest two days after her steady left. George boards a freight and checks his bag of crackers for parts unknown. He sticks to Old Booze for a number of years; and then the apiline and aquafortis gets the deaniline and aquafortis gets the decision. 'Me for the hermit's hut,' says George, 'and the long whiskers, and the buried can of money that isn't there.'

"But that Alice, in my mind, was on the level. She never married, but took up typewriting as soon as the wrinkles began to show, and

Survey Shows

ger, slightly moving upon her lowly throne, "that that is a char—"Oh, Miss Garland!" interposed Judge Menefee, with uplifted hand, "I beg of you, no comments! In would not be fair to the other contentants. Mr.—er—will you take the next turn?" The judge and picked up by stations located the next turn?" The judge and picked up by stations located in the principal cities.

Three of the leading press agencies now are utilizing this service, the messages being transmitted by a special apparatus from the main telegraph office in Berlin, the sender of the big wireless tation at Koenigsweusterhausen, are provided for this new press of a family.

He scorned the thought that his rival could make an impression upon a heart so fond and faithful. I would say that Mr. Redruth went out to the Rocky Mountains in Wyoming to seek for gold. One day a crew of pirates landed and captured him while at work, and—"
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Three of the leading press agencies he being transmitted by a special apparatus from the main telegraph office in Berlin, and "aired" immediately. Special receiving stations are provided for this new press of a family. less likely to be divorced than the man who travels?

Prof. Rudolph M. Binder, head of the sociological department of the New York University, who has just grouped the divorce statistics according to geography as well as out of ninety-two wins that sort of ern States have a greater per cent-age of divorces, while north central, south Atlantic and north Atlantic called the passenger who was no-body in particular, "a crew of pi-rates landed in the Rocky Moun-tains! Will you tell us how they sailed..."

investigation, he said, shows that childless couples are divorced more frequently than those with children. "Landed from a train," said the narrator, quietly and not without some readiness. "They kept him prisoner in a cave for months and then they took him benders. BECKLEY, W. Va., Dec. 27.—The 18-month-old child of John Toney, a miner, was burned to death in the fire which destroyed his home at Colcord, this county. Two other children, one 3 and the other 4 years old, were rescued by neighbors. The fire started while the mother had gone to buy Christmas presents for the right of the color of the control of the control of the color of the c

TO BE CONTINUED.

Handy tin boxes of 12 tablets cost but a few cents-Larger package



# Gosnell P. O. Speed King He's 99.7 Efficient, Too



EDWARD W. GOSNELL.

ID you ever wonder, as you saw truckloads of mail sacks scoot from mail trains around the platforms of Union Station, how particular letter addressed to

Machines have been invented to do much of the handling of mail, but there is yet to come the contrivance that will displace the human mind and the quick eye in the business

For this work the City Postoffice has a number of expert distributors who sort the bundles of letters into channels which eventually land the mail in the particular section of the city to which it is addressed. When a distributor becomes an unusually fast worker he is known as a special clerk.

Edward W. Gosnell, of 9 Tenth street southeast, is one of the post-office's speed men. Though the daily record is not compiled, the office gets a line on the rate of handling through frequent examinaton's taken at various sub-stations.

On his last examination Gosnell bandled 750 pieces of mail in twenty how many other workers are as efminutes, with only two errors, mak-ficient in their respective daily ing his efficiency mark 99.7. This is

Speed of Mind and Eye Make Him 99.7 Efficient

Every piece of mail re-ceived at the City Postoffice has to get an initial shove in the direction of the section to which it is addressed. Expert distributers do this sort-ing at a rate better than one nell, pictured herewith, has co-ordination of hand and eye which gives him an effi-ciency mark of 90.7.

at the rate of thirty-seven pieces siderably better than one every two

## Germans Using Radio for Newspaper Messages; Find It Speedier, Cheaper, And Removes Load from Land Wires

BERLIN, Dec. 27 .- An innovation service and special wave lengths which might perhaps be advan-tageously copied in the United States, has passed the trial stage in Germany and is regularly being the service fin used by the government telegraph service, namely, the simultaneous son by wire. kept a cat that came when you said 'weeny—weeny—weeny!' I got too much faith in good women to believe they throw down the fellow they throw they t "I think," said the lady passen in all directions with messages of ger, slightly moving upon her lowly throne, "that that is a char—"Oh, Miss Garland!" interposed and occupying the line for just that the lady passen in all directions with messages of line and with line and with messages of line and with line and with line and wi

wireless news transmission, used to avoid interference from ich might perhaps be advan- other stations, particularly from the

shortly will be in operation, supplementing the net of wireless stations used in the regular inland commercial telegraph service.

| Adout 100 of the new press stations | \$250; Mary Stewart, \$500. | Checks should be made out to John' Poole, treasurer European Relief Council, Federal National Bank.

# The Marriage Mill

You Can Begin This Story Any Day!

FRIENDLY OVERTURES. intent was Alison for a mo-

Tardy remembrance brought a 'It was too late to save the last surviving remnant of their married happiness! Fannie would be of-

ed up on the altar of sacrifice in "Why did you say you were go-

ing to town?" the inquisitive Jane The latter glanced briefly at Alton, and then said quietly "Alson and I have been sum-moned to the bedside of my-my former husband. We fear that he is

irrepressible, said:
"How serious-

"Perhaps not," was the quiet re-Larry's family.
"It really doesn't matter,"

ated the suggestion of such a rec- a-with a-"

face. "Especially when you realize that there perhaps were extenuat-ing circumstances; that alien influ-

ing cfreumstances; that alien influences brought to bear at a psychological time did much toward destroying your romance."

Alison turned her face away toward the window. There was a sorrowful resignation in her mothers voice which brought tears to her eves. her eyes. She wondered how she would feel

if, in the years to come, she should be summoned to Larry's bedside— Larry, divorced and perhaps be-longing to another woman.

her in-laws that she forgot the fact that she and Larry were separated beyond hope of reconciliation. but it from her. It was a tragic thought, and she

"Of course, mother and I may be exaggerating the situation," she said with forced cheerfulness.
"Father may not be so very ill, in spite of what the nurse said."

Ilow had put one over on nim and took his right partner. He almost stopped the music.
"Man alive." Harry Sleman shouted. "I ain't got your girl. If you don't believe me ask the girl her-"You have seen your father late-"" inquired Mrs. Osborne politely. "Y

"You have seen your father late?" inquired Mrs. Osborne politely.
Alison nodded.
"Every few days. Once he came of see me at the apartment, while waited for some callers to leave to be could see mother."

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moned to the bedside of my—my former husband. We fear that he is dying."

Both Jane and Mrs. Osborne opened their eyes wide in amazement.

The latter murmured perfunctory words of sympathy, but Jane, the irrepressible, said:

"Have a continued to the bedside of my—my former husband."

changed giances.

"That Larry discovered in the apartment and acted so dramatically about?" finished Alison. "Yes, it was. But I don't believe Larry guesses the truth yet."

Mrs. Osborne put out a forgiving hand.

"How serious—going to a di-worced husband! It isn't usually giveness. Her pride still smarted from her treatment at the hands of

no unfriendly feeling toward one another. In fact, we have come very close to adjusting our difficulties in the past few months."

Larry's family.

"It really doesn't matter," she shrugged with pretended indifference. "What Larry chooses to think makes not tife slightest difference to me. The color of the slightest difference to me. very close to adjusting our difficulties in the past few months."

It was Alison's turn to stare at the whole affair that I really minded was the horrid things you said about mother running around with a country of think makes not the slightest difference to me. The only feature of could keep away from strong drink as long as it kept away from him. But, he said, when he got within about mother running around with drinking distance, his hopes, prom-

ated the suggestion of such a reconciliation.

"It is hard to forget utterly, when you once loved someone," Mrs. Atherion went on softly, looking at Alice Osborne's beautiful, impassive face. "Especially when you realize that there perhaps were extenuating circumstances: that alien influences and death of suggestions are suggested. The court intimated that a bottle of liquor was an inanimate object, having no, mind, no motive power and no desire of its own, and being in this fix, it should not get the best of a live man.

"I am going to give you another" strength and depth of a mother's

She held out her shapely hand, stripped of its glove. "Shall we cry quits?" Deliberately cruel, Alison raised

(Continued Tomorrow.)

# Call for 100 Women Volunteers To Aid Starving Children Drive; D. C. Collections Total \$30,000

Women volunteers are urgently needed by the Washington committee of the European Relief Council, Gosnell has been in the distributing department at the City Postoffice since September 1, 1909. No wonder his eye and hand are geared to the almost perfect tune of 99.7: How many other workers are as efficient in their respective daily of the \$33,000,000 that Herbert Hoover says is necessary to feed 3,-510,000 starving children in Central and Eastern Europe between now and next autumn when the

summer crops are harvested in the stricken countries.

At the first meeting of team captains and workers held yesterday, the lack of women was apparent and every effort is now being made to induce them to join the ranks of nduce them to join the ranks of the men in raising Washington's quota of \$200,000 this week. Applicants are invited to attend a meetlantic and foreign service. Users of the service find it not only cheaper but much quicker than transmission by wire.

work they will be requested to per-form can be obtained.

The fund here passed the \$30.000

Washington, D. C.

CHARLES C. GLOVER,

MILTON E. AILES,

WILLIAM J. FLATHER.

Vice President. JOSHUA EVANS, Jr.,

## **Harding Gives** \$2,500; Calls on U. S. to Help

President-elect Harding, in a letter to the Literary Digest, gives his enthusiastic indorsement to the European Relief Council project in the following "I have just now read your

"I have just now read your splendid appeal to the people of America in behalf of 3,500,000 of unfortunate children in Central and Eastern Europe who are the helpless victims of the great war. lief reveals the true heart of America, because it bespeaks an American desire to play a great people's part in relieving and storing God's own children, i want to commend and support your noble undertaking. In seck-ing God's blessings for ourselves, I am sure He will bless us the more abundantly if we share our good fortunes in acts of sym-pathy and human fellowship. I reveal anew the unselfishness of

### Church Service Announced.

Bay State School Wins.

The trophy, offered by Harvard University to the high school whose pupils stand highest in Harvard's entrance examinations, has been awarded to Springfield Central High School in Massachusetts.

The Helpers from the Hills will lieve that Susie was jealous of the attentions he showered on the sisterion to be held at the Western Presbyterian Church, Twenty-first and Have streets northwest, beginning with a watch night service December 31 and running through the week of awarded to Springfield Central High School in Massachusetts.

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The court put an end to the arguments by fining him \$25.

# Good Morning, Judge!

us see if everybody has their right

said, with the lady he drew and proclaimed loudly that some other fel-low had put one over on him and

Immediately thereafter, it was estified, Bill invited Harry outside, testified. Bill invited Harry Harry declined because he was some fifty pounds lighter in weight. Bill was arrested for disorderly conduct and for making an assault

on the lighter man.

He paid a fine of \$20-but mumbled something about winning the fight even if the other fellow did win the girl.

#### One More Chance. Promises, like good intentions,

ome easier than the effort needed to make them good.

Francis Benton admitted that he

in this fix, it should not get the best of a live man.

"I am going to give you another chance," the court told Benton, "to prove to me that you have some will power left. If you have any left, you will be here when the whisky is all gone." whisky is all gone."

"All right," said Benton, "I'm of of liquor for good." The Writing on the Wall.

### There are some people who be-

ieve in signs. For instance, George Craig. saw a crudely painted sign on his door which read, "Light out-or Your Lights go out where you

He interpreted it to mean, he said, that unless he vanished quickly on his own accord, he would have no use for his feet once his enemies

his ground. He took the advice and asked Tom Cartwright what he meant by tacking the sign on the

Tom, it was testified, looked around to see if anyone was look-ing, and then pounced on George and took the latter off his guard. As soon as George recovered he grappled with Tom and both rolled into the street. An alarm was ser

into the street. An alarm was reliable into the police.
George told the court that he believed someone, whom he had won money from in a dice game, had persuaded Tom to hang up the

warning sign.

Tom was silent on the subject.
He paid a fine of \$5. George did

### Violent Love: Fine, \$25.

For nearly four monthes the police have been looking for Brooks Jackson. Of course he knew nothing about it. He was in Pennsyl-Susie Grayson had sworn out a warrant for the man and charged him with assault. A few days ago

when Jackson came back he was The woman swore that he knocked her down and stamped in her face and did other outrageous things. The trouble started, Susie said, when she tried to shame Jack-

son for beating her sister.

Jackson denied everything,
swore that he beat neither or her sister, and he was very

Church Service Announced.

The Helpers from the Hills will

dignant when the court asked him why did he run away.

He tried to make the court believe that Susie was jealous of the

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